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Mexico, Thailand and Uruguay: revised draft resolution

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengthening social policies as a tool for crime prevention

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the importance of adopting effective policies, programmes and actions to prevent and confront crime, violence and insecurity, including measures for the protection of individuals and groups in a vulnerable situation,

Recognizing the importance of integrating crime prevention considerations into all relevant social and economic policies and programmes, placing particular emphasis on communities, families, children and youth,

Recognizing also that States should encourage partnerships between all appropriate levels of Government and relevant stakeholders within civil society, aimed at ensuring the strengthening and sustainability of effective crime prevention strategies, programmes and initiatives, as appropriate, and at promoting a culture of peace and non-violence,

Emphasizing that public security policies should encourage measures for addressing the multiple causes of crime, violence and insecurity,

Recognizing that the development and adoption of crime prevention policies and programmes and their monitoring and evaluation are the responsibility of States, and reaffirming that such efforts should be based on a participatory, collaborative

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and integrated approach that involves all relevant stakeholders, including those from civil society,[1]

Recognizing also the importance of strengthening public-private partnerships in preventing crime in all its forms and manifestations, through joint and coordinated programmes,

Mindful of the prevention provisions of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto[2] and the United Nations Convention against Corruption,[3] as well as relevant standards and norms on crime prevention and criminal justice, in particular the United Nations Guidelines for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency (the Riyadh Guidelines),[4] the guidelines for cooperation and technical assistance in the field of urban crime prevention,[5] the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime,[6] and the updated Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,[7]

Welcoming the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the area of crime prevention, including the development of technical tools and the provision of technical assistance to requesting Member States, in particular in the field of statistics and data collection and analysis in support of violence and crime prevention policies,

Underlining the need for all States to implement in a comprehensive, integrated and participatory manner crime prevention strategies, policies and programmes that address the multiple risk factors of both crime and victimization, based on the best available evidence and good practices, as an integral element of strategies to foster comprehensive social and economic development,

1. *Encourages* Member States to develop and implement, as appropriate, comprehensive policies and programmes that, by fostering social development, are aimed at the prevention of crime and violence and that address the multiple factors that contribute to crime and victimization, in close cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including civil society, and based on available evidence and good practices;

2. *Invites* Member States to consider, when developing crime prevention programmes, such issues as social inclusion, the strengthening of the social fabric, access to justice, social reintegration of offenders and access to health and education services, and to consider the needs of victims of crime when developing those programmes, and to promote a culture of lawfulness and the well-being of individuals, with a particular emphasis on children and youth;

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[1] Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World (General Assembly resolution 65/230, annex), para. 33.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.

[3] Ibid., vol. 2349, No. 42146.

[4] General Assembly resolution 45/112, annex.

[5] Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/9, annex.

[6] Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/13, annex.

[7] General Assembly resolution 62/228, annex.

3. *Encourages* Member States to review and update, where appropriate, existing crime prevention strategies and to ensure that their effectiveness is measurable, in order to respond to the needs of the population and society as a whole;

4. *Urges* Member States to create and implement crime prevention policies and programmes designed to promote, inter alia, the participation of youth in achieving safer and more just, democratic and cohesive societies;

5. *Invites* Member States to exchange successful experiences and best practices in crime prevention with other Member States, thus promoting regional cooperation and coordination in crime prevention, with a view to addressing shared challenges through a comprehensive approach, in order to achieve significant long-term progress in this field;

6. *Encourages* Member States to coordinate crime prevention measures by assigning them to appropriate government bodies or, as necessary, creating a dedicated body that addresses and studies ways of strengthening social policies for crime prevention;

7. *Commends* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for its development of tools and facilitation of technical assistance programmes, urges the Office to continue strengthening such programmes, and calls upon the Organization, upon request by Member States, to support the sharing of successful experiences and best practices between Member States;

8. *Recommends* that, in order to deepen cooperation and coordination among Member States, the issue of social policies for the prevention of violence and crime should be included as a matter of particular importance within the work of the Commission;

9. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes described above, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.